TABLE OF CONTENTS

Executive Summary	S-1
Chapter 1: Introduction to Planning Process & LWCF Program	1
1.1 Purpose of SCORP Document	
1.2 Planning Process & Limitations	
1.3 Land & Water Conservations Fund (LWCF) Program	
1.4 Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) in Montana	
Chapter 2: Supply of Outdoor Recreation Facilities	13
2.1 Facility Inventory Methodology & Limitations	
2.2 Montana's Outdoor Recreation Lands & Facilities	15
2.3 Statewide & Regional Public Facilities	17
2.4 Ownership of Facilities	18
2.5 Condition of Public Facilities	20
2.6 Public Facility Needs	22
2.7 Estimated Costs to Meet Public Facility Needs	29
2.8 Summary & Implications of Outdoor Recreation Facility Supply	30
Chapter 3: Demand for Outdoor Recreation Facilities	31
3.1 Methodology for Measuring Demand	31
3.2 Overview of Resident & Nonresident Market Demographics	32
3.3 BRFSS Survey of Resident Outdoor Recreation Habits & Needs	37
3.4 ITRR Resident & Nonresident Recreation Study Results	44
3.5 Comparison of BRFSS, ITRR Survey Results & Recreation Trends	47
3.6 National Recreation Trends	48
3.7 Summary & Implications.	
Chapter 4: Issues for Outdoor Recreation in Montana	51
4.1 Gaps Between Supply & Demand	53
4.2 ADA Compliance	
4.3 Resources to Manage & Maintain Recreation Facilities	
4.4 Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program	
Chapter 5: SCORP Strategy & Action Plan	57
5.1 Goals for Outdoor Recreation	
5.2 Objectives & Actions	
5.3 OPSP: The Link Between SCORP & the LWCF Program	
5.4 Implementation Action Table	
Appendices	

List of 7	Tables & Figures	
Table 1.1	SCORP Planning Process & Timeline	2
Table 1.2	LWCF by Region & County & Population	11
Table 2.1	Online Survey Participants by Region	13
Table 2.2	Survey Participants by Type & Region	
Table 2.3	Statewide & Regional Inventory of Participants' Facilities	17
Table 2.4	Quantity & Ownership of Participants' Facilities	18
Table 2.4a	Privately-Owned Outdoor Recreation Facilities	
Table 2.5	Condition of Participants' Facilities Ranked by Mean Score	
Table 2.6	Condition of Local Facilities by Mean Score.	
Table 2.7	Statewide Facility Needs of Participants Ranked by Mean Score	
Table 2.8	Comparison of Facility Needs by Region.	
Table 2.9	Local Participants' Facility Needs & Priorities	
Table 2.10	Comparison of Local vs. State vs. Federal Facility Needs.	25
Table 2.11	Facilities Needed to Serve Local Youth,	
Table 2.12	Facilities Needed to Serve Local Adults	
Table 2.13	Facilities Needed to Serve Local Mature Adults	
Table 2.14	Facilities Needed to Serve Non-Local Visitors/Tourists	
Table 2.15	ADA Compliance Needs	28
Table 2.16	Estimated Costs to Fulfill Facility Needs	
Table 3.1	Montana vs. U.S. Population in 2000	
Table 3.2	Origin of 2001 Nonresident Visitors	
Table 3.3	Primary Outdoor Recreation Activity-Last 12 Months	
Table 3.4	Primary Outdoor Recreation Activity by FWP Region	
Table 3.5	Frequency of Activities (Times/Month)	
Table 3.6	Frequency of Six Key Outdoor Recreation Activities	
Table 3.7	Activity Unable to Participate In	
Table 3.8	Did Not Participate, But Desired To, By Region	
Table 3.9	Facility Needs in Respondents' County	
Table 3.10	Facility Needs by Region	41
Table 3.11	Most Important Recreation Issue or Concern	42
Table 3.12	Participants Prevented from Activity Due to Disability	43
Table 3.13	Recreation Activity Participation of Montana Households	
Table 3.14	Percent of Montana Households Participating by Month	
Table 3.15	Montana Nonresident Traveler Activities	
Table 3.16	Comparison of BRFSS & ITRR Results	
Table 3.17	National Recreation Participation	
Figure 1.1: Figure 1.2:	Info-Gathering Process	
0	Montana State Parks Administrative Regions	
Figure 1.3: Figure 2.1:	Survey Participant Types by Region.	
Figure 2.1:	Public Land Ownership in Montana.	
Figure 2.3:	Block Management Acres by Region	
Figure 2.4:	2001 Visitor Activities at Montana Wildlife Refuges.	
Figure 2.5:	Montana Ski Area Trends	
Figure 3.1:	Montana County Population	
Figure 3.2:	Percent of County Population Age 65+.	
Figure 3.3:	Physical Activity/Exercise Participation in Past Month.	
Figure 3.4:	Montana Average Hotel Occupancy, 2001	
Figure 3.5	Montana's 2000-2001 Nonresident Tourist Markets.	
Figure 3.6	Did Not Participate in Past 12 Months, but Desired To	
Figure 3.7	Resident & Nonresident Hunting & Fishing License Sales	
Figure 3.8	Motorized Recreation Trends in Montana	
Figure 3.9	ATV User Age 1990 vs. 2001	
0	5	

MONTANA SCORP 2003-2007

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The State of Montana expresses sincere gratitude for the advice and assistance of the following individuals and organizations.

SCORP Advisory Committee:

Lynda Blades, Montana Dept. of Public Health & Human Svcs Larry Blocker, U.S. Forest Service Bill Borrie, University of Montana

Carol Crockett, Montana Dept. of Commerce (Travel Montana) Donna Gaukler, Montana Parks & Recreation Association Christine Kaufmann, Montana House of Representatives Bill Michels, National Park Service (Glacier National Park)

Kim Prill, U.S. Bureau of Land Management Lori Ryan, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

Linda Saul, Montana Division of Environmental Quality,

Montana Wetlands Council

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Kirsten Shelton, Parks Planner, Montana State Parks Walt Timmerman, Recreation Bureau Chief, Montana State Parks

Recreation Facility Inventory Assistance:

Bureau of Land Management

Corps of Engineers (Fort Peck & Libby)

Montana Association of Counties

Montana League of Cities & Towns

Montana Recreation & Parks Association

Montana School District Superintendents

Montana Tribal Colleges

Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance

National Park Service

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

U.S. Forest Service

Data Collection Assistance:

Dave Martin, Montana Census & Economic Information Center Shannon Heath, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Steve Leathe, American Fisheries Society & FWP

Photographs Courtesy of:

Montana Department of Commerce Promotion Division Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Wetlands Data Assistance:

Tom Hinz, Montana FWP, Wetlands Legacy
Larry Robison, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Karen Filipovich, Montana Watercourse
Roxeanne Felise, U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Todd Damrow, Montana Dept. of Public Health & Human Svcs
Dennis Buechler, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Kevin Bon, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Carol Lively, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Montana Department of Transportation

Marty Manning, U.S. Forest Service

National Park Service

The Planning Team

The Hingston Roach Group, Inc.

Lorraine Roach, Principal <u>lroach@thrgroup.com</u>
Ruth Mohr, Research Analyst <u>rmohr@thrgroup.com</u>
416 W. Main, Ste. 2, PO Box 400, Grangeville, ID 83530

416 W. Main, Ste. 2, PO Box 400, Grangeville, ID 83530 Tel: 208.983.2175 • Fax: 208.983.9188

CTA, Inc.

David Wright, Landscape Architect <u>davidw@ctagroup.com</u>
Kent Bray, Principal, AIA <u>kentb@ctagroup.com</u>
1500 Poly Drive, PO Box 1439, Billings, MT 59103

Kara Harder & Associates

Kara Harder, Principal <u>kharder@pionnet.com</u> PO Box 8, Hooper, WA 99333

Amy Hays

Chansamy@aol.com

Kalispell, MT 59901 Tel: 406.257.4212 ❖ Fax: 406.755.4346

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS MONTANA SCORP 2003-2007